## DEMAND XVII—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

**MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE** (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*) : Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 263 under Demand XVII—Medical Department. A temporary fever dispensary existed at Perunkatavila in the Neyyattinkara taluk for five months every year from Edavam to Kanni for about forty years. As a result of repeated representations from the people, and as the people were prepared to provide a suitable building and furniture, the Government sanctioned a permanent dispensary from the 1st Tulam 1102. The staff of the temporary dispensary consisted of 1 Sub-Assistant Surgeon on Rs. 50 and a compounder on Rs. 20 per mensem. As it is impossible to work the dispensary with the existing staff, it has been proposed, if this grant is sanctioned, to strengthen the staff by one midwife on Rs. 29, a peon on Rs. 9 and a sweeper on Rs. 8½. The extra cost will come to Rs. 263 for the remaining seven months of the year. This staff is very necessary and I am sure the House will have no objection to grant this amount.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : May I know from the member whether there has been a proposal to shift the hospital at Arukutti to Taikattusseri?

**MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE** (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*) : That question does not arise in this connection, Sir.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : I think it arises. The subject deals with some hospital.

**MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE** (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*) : This grant is for a dispensary in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : We do not argue things by taluks. We go by subjects. I think this subject is connected with the Medical Department and I therefore just ask for information whether there is a proposal to shift the Taikattusseri Hospital.

**MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE** (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*) : That question has been asked by Mr. Sivarama Panikkar in this session and I think the interpellation will very soon be answered. This grant does not relate to the hospital at Taikattusseri.

**MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*) : May I know whether the member will be in a position to give the assurance that the hospital will not be shifted to Taikattusseri ?

**MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE** (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*) : I am not in a position to give that assurance.

The demand was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XVIII—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, AYURVEDA AND SANITATION.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,575 under Demand XVIII—Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda and Sanitation. This demand is made for opening conservancy stations in 16 new places. Usually, a conservancy station is manned by a conservancy overseer and a band of sweepers.

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